विभिन्न अवसरों पर उनका शोषण किया जाता है ।

(ii) नियोजक विभिन्न श्रम और अन्य कानूनों के उपबंधों का पालन करने में टालमटोल करते हैं ।

(ग) बीड़ी श्रमिकों के रोजगार की शर्तें, बीड़ी और सिगार कर्मकार (नियोजन की शर्तें) अधिनियम, 1966 द्वारा विनियमित होती हैं । राज्य सरकारें बीड़ी श्रमिकों के कल्याण के लिए उस अधिनियम में निर्दिष्ट सांविधिक उपबन्धों को लागू करने के लिए संबंधित सरकारें हैं । समाचार के ब्यौरों को उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के ध्यान में आवश्यक कार्यवाही के लिए ला दिया गया है ।

Supply of Benzene to the Manufacturers of Washing Powder

*204. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand for Benzene, its total production and supply to the manufacturers of washing powder;

(b) what quantity of Benzene is presently imported;

(c) what is the procedure for the supply of Benzene to the manufacturers of washing powder;

(d) why Benzene is not being supplied to the manufacturers of washing powder according to their requirements; and

(e) whether Government propose to modify the procedure for the supply of Benzene to actual users only and plug black marketing in the commodity?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a), (b) and (d) The demand and indigenous production of Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) in 1984-85 are estimated at 76,000 tonnes and 24,000 tonnes respectively. The gap of 52,000 tonnes will be covered by imports arranged by State Trading Corporation.

(c) Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) is the only manufacturer of Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) in the country. The distribution policy for LAB being followed by IPCL during 1984-85 is as follows:—

Based on the quantities contracted by them during 1983-84 or their past average off-take, the consumers have been categorised into (i) those whose contracted quantity in 1983-84 or average past offtake was less than 5 MT per month and (ii) those whose contracted quantity in 1983-84 or average offtake, the consumers have 5 MT per month.

(a) Consumers in category (i) are allocated a quantity equal to the quantity contracted by them in 1983-84 or, in case there was no such contract, a quantity equal to their past average offtake.

(b) Consumers in category (ii) are allocated a quantity equal to 65 per cent of the quantity contracted by them in 1983-84 or, in case there was no such contract, a quantity equal to 65 per cent of their past offtake subject to a minimum of 5 MT per month.

The imported LAB is allocated by State Trading Corporation to the actual users on *pro-rata* basis taking into account the quantities registered by them on the basis of past consumption data certified by Chartered Accountant. While making such allocation, supplies made by IPCL are also taken into account.

(e) LAB is being supplied to actual users only.